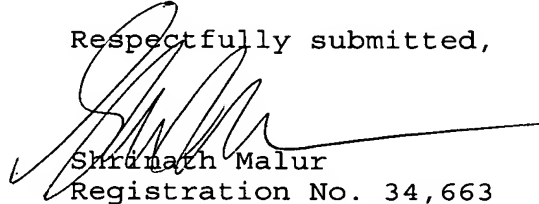


REMARKS

Claims 13, 16-17, 21-23, 26-29 and 31 have been amended.
Accordingly, claims 13-31 are currently pending in the
application.

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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